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FM AMOOBASSY SAN JOSE
TO AMEMBASSY MEXICO NIACT IMMEDIATE
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MEXICO FOR IRS

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E.OB 11652: N/A
TAGS: CPAS, EIND, CS
SUBJECT: MARJORIE MURRAY

REF: SAN JOSE 3778 AND 3783
MEXICO 8080;(

1. EMBASSY HAS NOW LEARNED THAT MARJORIE MURRAY WILL PLACE IN THE PRESS OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS AS PAID ADS OPEN CABLES TO THE AMBASSADOR ON THE WHOE VISA-CITIZENSHIP QUESTION. BUT SPECIFICALLY RAISING PROCEDURES OF US INVESTIGATIONS OF TAX LIABILITIES. RELEVANT TEXT IS QUOTED IN PARA 5 BELOW.

2. BASICALLY WHAT MURRAY IS TRYING TO DO IS CONNECT WHATEVER INVESTIGATIONS AND TAX CLAIMS MAY HAVE OCCURRED IN THE PAST TO OUR REFUSAL TO ISSUE A VISA NOW. EITHER SHE REALLY BELIEVES THIS AND ASSUMES THAT WE ARE TRYING TO PRESSURE HER SOME

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HOW INTO SETTLING A TAX LIABILITY OR BY

CREATING THE SPECTRE OF "ESPIONAGE",
VIOLATIONS OF SOVEREIGNTY, ETC., USE
THAT TO PRESSURE US INTO GIVING HER A VISA.

3. EMBASSY, OF COURSE, WANTS TO SEPARATE THESE MATTERS. IN ANY PUBLIC RESPONSE WE MAY HAVE TO MAKE, WE WILL MAKE CLEAR THAT WHAT IS AT ISSUE IS WHETHER OR NOT SHE HAS LOST HER US CITIZENSHIP AND THAT HER POSITION RE INCOME TAX LIABILITY IS NOT INVOLVED IN THIS QUESTION. HOWEVER, SINCE SHE HAS PUBLICLY RAISED THE QUESTION OF ALLEGED PAST USG PRESSURE ON HER ON TAX QUESTIONS AND THE PRO- IAPITS BY WHICH INFORMATION ABOUT HER WAS GATHERED, EMBASSY NEED TO KNOW A) IF THERE ARE ANY FORMAL CLAIMS PENDING AGAINST HER; AND B) YOUR COMMENTS AND EXPLANATIONS WITH REGARD TO HER SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS AS OUTLINED BELOW. SINCE THE OPEN CABLE NOW SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN VARIOUS PAPERS SUNDAY AND MONDAY ALSO FOCUSES ON THE GENERAL QUESTION OF US INVESTIGATIONS OF INCOME TAX LIABILITY,

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WE BELIEVE IT QUITE LIKELY THAT PUBLIC AND OFFICIAL ATTNETION MAY FOCUS ON THIS GENERAL MATTER. THEREFORE, IN ADDITION TO THE SPECIFIC ITEM MENTIONED ABOVE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE GENERAL GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT MAY BE SAID TO EXPLAIN IRS ACTIVITIES ABROAD. WE ASSUME THAT THIS PUBLIC RELATIONS QUESTION HAS COME UP BEFORE AND THAT EXPLANATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AS TO HOW IRS REPRESENTATIVES ABROAD OPERATE, KINDS OF COOPERATION RECEIVED AND BASES FOR THEM. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR SUGGESTIONS AS TO PUBLIC RESPONSES TO THIS GENERAL "ESPIONAGE" CHARGE.

4. RELEVANT TEXT OF MURRAY'S "OPEN CABLE"
TO THE AMBASSADOR, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO
APPEAR IN SEVERAL PAPERS SUNDAY AND MONDAY,
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IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE I REQUEST THAT YOU INFORM ME ON THE BASIS OF WHAT DOCUMENT THE US EMBASSY OBTAINED THE AMOUNT OF INCOME I RECEIVED AS DIVIDENDS ON PROFITS OBTAINED BY PURELY COSTA RICAN COMPANIES DURING THE PERIOD OF 1964, THE DETAILS CONCERNING WHICH APPEARED ON FORM 1040 DATED

AUGUST 1, 1968, BY MEANS OF WHICH AN
EFFORT WAS MADE TO COLLECT FROM ME INCOME
TAX ON BEHALF OF THE USG. THIS SUM
COINCIDES TO THE CENT WITH THE AMOUNT
OF DIVIDENDS RECEIVED AND DECLARED IN
A STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL MANNER TO THE
DIRECCION GENERAL DE TRIBUTACION DIRECTA
DE COSTA RICA. ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF
THIS COUNTRY, THAT INFORMATION IS STRICTLY
CONFIDENTIAL. THEREFORE, ON THE BASIS
OF WHAT SYSTEM OR PRECEDURE WAS IT POSSIBLE
FOR THE EMBASSY TO OBTAIN THESE FIGURES?
ACCORDING TO THE COUNSELOR OF THE EMBASSY,
MR. LANE, CERTAIN INFORMATION CAN BE EXCHANGED
AMONG GOVERNMENTS. IF THAT WAS THE MANNER IN
WHICH THIS INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED, CAN YOU
SUPPLY ME WITH A COPY OF THE COMMUNICATION
BY WHICH THE DIRECCION GENERAL DE TRIBUTACION
DIRECTA INFORMED THE EMBASSY OF THE EXACT
AMOUNT OF MY DIVIDEND INCOME? IF IT WAS NOT
AN OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION, IS IT POSSIBLE TO
BELIEVE THAT YOU ILLEGALLY HAVE AN EFFICIENT
ESPIONAGE NET IN THE DIRECCION GENERAL DE
TRIBUTACION DIRECTA, I ASK THAT YOU INFORM
ME ALSO IF IT IS TRUE OR NOT THAT IT WAS
ON THE BASIS OF MY REFUSAL TO RECOGNIZE THE
EMBASSY'S EFFORTS TO GET ME TO ACKNOWLEDGE
THAT INCOME THAT YOU COMMUNICATED TO ME
THAT YOU WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE MY COSTA RICAN
CITIZENSHIP ACQUIRED AT BIRTH AND REQUESTED

THAT I RENOUNCE AN AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP
THAT I OBTAINED ONLY BY WISH OF MY FATHER.
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